

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
Development Grant from AoA and CMS

Activities Update

May 2006

The 2006 State Legislature approved an increase in the Executive Office on Aging's (EOA) federal budget ceiling to accommodate the ADRC grant. The Legislature also passed a bill that funds caregiver coordination relevant to ADRC development in Hawaii.

The Hawaii County Council recently approved the lease of the former Sun Sun Lau restaurant site for the pilot ADRC in Hilo. This site will have major service providers from the aging and disability communities including the State Department of Human Services, co-locating with the Hawaii County Office of Aging. At the April National ADRC Conference in Baltimore, it was discovered that the Hilo ADRC site will be the second one of its kind in the country. Other ADRC sites operate through tele-communication instead of having co-tenants in one location.

The information management system for the Hawaii ADRC will be built upon the SAMS system that is presently used by the four County/Area Agencies on Aging. This is expected to represent a significant saving to Hawaii's aging network, as ADRC will eventually be implemented statewide.

Another cost-efficient strategy being explored by the EOA is to establish website access via *Hawaii.gov* that is operated by Hawaii Information Consortium.

The major tasks of the State ADRC advisory board will be concentrated in subcommittee work in order to achieve the grant's first year objectives. Advisory Board members include the following. Resource persons will be joining each subcommittee as appropriate.

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